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House Committee on Health Care
Chair Greenlick, Vice-Chair Keny-Guyer, Vice-Chair Thompson
Representatives Weidner, Harker, Lively, Kennemer, Clem, and Conger
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Re: SB 806 – Support
May 3, 2013

Chair Greenlick and members of the committee,

College sport team physicians must often travel with their teams over state lines. In those cases they must obtain and maintain licensure in each state they travel to with their sports teams, even though they are not providing medical care to the residents those states. There is a lot of administrative cost and risk management associated with this.

SB 806 exempts the law governing the practice of medicine in Oregon for an athletic team physician licensed to practice in another state but only under specific conditions.

- The physician is only providing medical services to a member of the team.
- The physician is contracted to work with the out-of-state athletic team to provide general or emergency medical care to the team members, staff, or families traveling with the team;
- The physician does not provide care of consultation to any person residing in this state.
- The medical services are not provided at a health care facility.
- The exemption remains as long as the physician is traveling with the team not to exceed 10 days.

This is a common sense proposal to limit liability for team physicians who are only trying to do their job effectively and is supported by the American Medical Society for Sports Medicine.

It would reduce physician and athletic trainer liability and prevent disruption of service for the traveling sports teams. Our state medical regulation would still be upheld. I urge your aye vote.

Sincerely,

Senator Laurie Monnes Anderson
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